GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Modernisation of Steel Plants
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any modernisation and expansion plans for the public sector steel plants in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise;
(c) whether this will improve the steel industrial sector in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether this expansion will result in generation of employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): Steel is a deregulated sector and the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator. The decisions regarding modernization & expansion of steel plants are essentially taken by the respective companies, based on commercial considerations and market dynamics. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), PSUs under the Ministry of Steel, have undertaken modernization and expansion of their steel plants as per the details given below:-

S. No. Name of the Plant Name of PSU Capacity after Expansion (in MTPA)
1. Modernization & Expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant SAIL 4.2
2. Modernization & Expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant SAIL 4.61
3. Modernization & Expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant SAIL 2.2
4. Modernization & Expansion of IISCO Steel Plant SAIL 2.5
5. Modernization & Expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant SAIL 7.0
6. Modernization & Expansion of Salem Steel Plant SAIL 0.18
7. Modernization & Expansion of Vizag Steel Plant RINL 6.3
MTPA- Million ton per annum

(c) The modernization & expansion of SAIL and RINL and consequent increase in steel production capacity will improve performance of the steel sector in the country. State-of-the-art technology will facilitate energy efficient production of steel.

(d) The addition of new capacities and use of new technology will create employment opportunities. However, steel being a deregulated sector, employment decisions are taken by the individual steel companies.

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